

5 supporting the material web, substantially without free draw, after said routing step.

21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said supporting step includes supporting the material web by at least one flexible continuous belt substantially until the material web reaches a dryer cylinder of a downstream dryer group.

22. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said applying step includes the sub-steps of:  
applying the viscid medium to an outside surface of a flexible continuous belt; and  
transferring the viscid medium from said outside surface of said flexible continuous belt to an underneath side of the material web.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said flexible continuous belt is configured to provide support to the material web.

24. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said applying step includes the sub-steps of:  
applying the viscid medium to one of an application roll and an outside surface of a flexible continuous belt; and

transferring the viscid medium from one of said application roll and said outside surface of  
5 said flexible continuous belt to a top side of the material web.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein said flexible continuous belt is configured to provide support to the material web.

26. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said applying step includes the sub-steps of:  
applying the viscid medium incrementally to a plurality of flexible continuous belts; and  
supporting the material web by at least one of said plurality of flexible continuous belts.

27. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of conveying the material web through a penetration segment of greater than approximately 100 mm, prior to said routing step.

28. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the material web has a mass per unit area not exceeding 90 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

29. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the material web has a dry-content of between approximately 85% and approximately 95%, prior to said applying step.

30. (New) A coating device for a material web, comprising:

at least one application device configured to apply a viscid medium to the material web;

a first support roll;

a second support roll located apart from said first support roll;

A<sub>cont</sub> 5 a continuous belt supported by said first support roll and said second support roll, said continuous belt configured to support the material web substantially without free draw; and

a press shoe located proximate to said continuous belt forming a press nip therebetween, said press nip located downstream from said at least one application device.

31. (New) The device of claim 30, wherein said at least one application device comprises a first application device disposed proximate to an outside surface of said continuous belt where said first support roll is in contact with said continuous belt, said first application device configured to deliver a viscid medium to said continuous belt for subsequent transfer to a side of  
5 the material web.

32. (New) The device of claim 31, further comprising:

a plurality of guide rollers;

an application roll;

5 an other continuous belt disposed around said application roll and said plurality of guide rollers, said other continuous belt configured as a press belt;

a second application device disposed proximate to an outside surface of said other continuous belt where said application roll is in contact with said other continuous belt, said  
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39. (New) The device of claim 30, wherein said device is configured to produce corrugated board base paper.